THE BOY MURDER.

The Case of Little Willie Carter Startling Developments -Shocking Inhumanity-Little Negro Boys hired to do the Deed A Female the Instigator.

The circumstances attending the death of Willie Carter, the little boy found dead with marks of unusual violence upon his person in Smith's Creek near this city on Tuesday night last, were further investigated before the Coroner's jury yesterday. Nothing additional was, however, elucidated at that time, the testimony of Dr. Lane as to the injuries, and that of the reputed "Mrs." Carter as to the identification of the body containing about the sum total of facts developed before the Coroner. This "Mrs. Carter, it seems, is not the mother of the boy, nor yet his legalized stepmother, but a woman whose relation is about the same barring the solemnity of the marriage covenant.

But subsequent to the adjournment of the Coroner's investigation the development of other and startling facts regarding the affair was destined. And indeed these lend an additiona and sickening sense of horror, causing the blood to run cold and the very circulation to stagnate at the infamou cruelty and deliberate inhumanity which compassed the details to their tragic end.

It seems that a white man by th name of S. H. Terry, a drayman in this city, had seen little Carter not many hours before his death, and among the urchins with whom he then was he remembered having recognized one colored boy about 15 years old, by the name of David Martin. Mr. Terry strongly suspected that this boy had some hand in the terrible affair, and hearing that he was in the vicinity of Hilton, drove out there late yesterday afternoon, determined to apprehend him and place him in the custody of the Sheriff. Sure enough, he found the young rascal who, as soon as he saw Mr. Terry approaching, took to his heels and ran over the iron railway bridge, to the swamp opposite Hilton, across the North East branch of the Cape Fear River. Mr. Terry pursued and finally captured Martin, who had endeavored to conceal himself in a ditch, and was then standing about waist deep in water.

Martin as soon as captured was at once brought down to the Court House and there placed in the custody of Deputy Sheriff Morris. It was not long, however, before he made

regarding the mysterious horror. He states in effect that himself and two other colored boys, Jimmie Anderson, alias Freeman, and Bill-had been rewhose proper designation is said to be drowning this boy, Willie Carter. David says he told her that he couldn't do it, that it would get both her and themselves in trouble, an I besides it was wrong. Following Martin's stateored still to incite them to the deed, avowing to them, among other things, that it was no more harm for them to kill Willie Carter than for one soldier to kill another in battle, and that she could pray off all the sin that they would thus commit in one week's time. She afterwards, Martin states further, offered them ten cents to throw Willie's clothes in the stream while they were bathing so as to induce him to swim after them, and that probably he would drown before he could return

On Monday, Martin says, Willie Carter, Jim Anderson, himself and the bathe at a point corresponding in description to a location a short distance from the spot where the body was found, when he, David, took Willie Carter's hat and threw it into the stream. Willie swam out for it, and returned to shore. Jim Anderson then threw Willie's clothes out into the stream, and these he also swam after the wharf, when Anderson shoved him into the water. At this point in the proceedings, Martin says he left. He declares he did not cut Willie Carter, for he had no knife, but thinks some one of the other boys did, for he saw them run away and plunge into the bushes

shortly after he left. This boy Martin is also known as David Hickes, though Martin is said to be his right name. He has an elder brother, Elijah Martin, or Hickes, about 19 or 20 years old, who is stated as having been seen going in the direction of Smith's Creek, shortly after Willie Carter and his young colored companion had disappeared in the same direction. This was near the fatal spot that he was seen. He was also observed by a negro woman returning from that direction with a sack thrown over his shoulder and with a piece of beef in his hand. The witness averring to these facts, also states that he seemed very much excited and was looking back continually. He told the woman, as if in explanation of his manner, that he was in a hurry as he was going out in-Brunswick. He had been working on Col. McRae's place in that county.

since been seen. These are about all the facts the boy seemed willing to disclose. They are enough, however, to show the most abject cruelty in the compass of such a horrible end, and the most shocking and barbarous inhumanity in boys so young in the perpetration of the deed.

Martin was lodged in jail, and upon his affirmation, the woman, "Mrs. Carter," was apprehended last night on a warrant from Justice Cassidey, and

brigade, at Framingham, last week.

Ten millions of defalcation in the United States Treasury is now the ru- I told him there were some fellows out mor from Washington, coming on the top of the Credit Mobilier Radical swindle, the squandering of the public domain, and the back-salary steal .-What will be the next development boy about it. under Radical rule?

Ex-President Millard Fillmore is 73 my ma that Willie Carter was drownel said the last time she saw Willie Carter years old. Fillmore and Andy John- and that Jimmie drown him. The next Elijah Martin was with him going to son are the only ex-Presidents living, time I saw Willie Carter he was lying the slaughter pen about 2 o'clock. He and neither of them was elected to the at Smith creek railroad bridge, with one had a bag with him. She said he had office. Mr. Fillmore, as Vice Presi- foot on a log tied by a grape vine .dent succeeded President Taylor, who There was a right smart of people there. shed a little over a year after he was I heard a man say a white boy was boy's mother said Elijah had no beef mangurated, and Andy Johnson suc- found drowned and I went out there. - but only a piece of liver, and de

Central Railroad Company secured an interest in the Texas and Pacific Rail- King's house was the closest and it was road, which begins at Shreveport, on the other side of the track. I saw Louisiana, extends to Marshall, in Willie's mother the same day he got she knew of anything touching this Texas, and thence proceeds to San drowned, about 3 o'clock that day. I matter and she said she did not. Said Diego, California, including what is told her that Willie was drowned her son, the witness just on the stand the same vigorous and enterprising just to go along. I went to her house is a brother of David, the last witness. Company is endeavoring to secure a and told her. Her husband was there. Said Elijah appeared to be very much only 80 pounds. to the capital of Nova Scotia.

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THE BOY MURDER. STILL INVOLVED IN MYSTERY, When she told me to go on, I just went

THE COURT VISITS THE SCENE.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

All the parties suspected of the murder of little Willie Carter, having been arrested on Thursday, except Elijah Martin, upon warrants issued by Justice Cassidey, with the witness David Martin alias Hicks, the investigation was began yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. During the course of the trial. Elijah Martin was brought in by officer Sellars, having been arrested in

Brunswick county, while at work. The Court House was crowded throughout the day to suffocation, all classes of citizens manifesting the deepest interest. In the prisoner's box were Mrs. Car-

ter, the witnesses David Martin, Elijah Martin, and the little boys William Henry Merrick, and Jimmy Hooper; the two latter accused by David Martin of the murder, being barely ten years of age. Mr. Adam Empie appeared in behalf of Mrs. Carter. The following in a report of this

most mysterious and henious murder

David Martin, being duly sworn, says The woman offered me ten dollars to drown Willie Carter, and I told her I couldn't do it. She said there was no more harm than for soldiers to kill one another, and she could pray it all off. Mrs. Carter told me this. She told me this week before last. The first time was last summer. She said she and her husband were all the time fighting about the boy, and she would wish to get him out of the way if she could. I was in her house when she told me. I used to be all the time playing with the boy. She told me this when he was gone after water. She took me into the back part of the store and Willie was gone after water. She said if I wouldn't do it she would get so nebody who would do it. I never said no more about it to her. I never told any one about what she told me. I saw Willie last Monday about one o'clock. I saw him sitting on the bridge right by his house. This was a foot bridge over the

He asked me to go in swimming, and I told him yes. We went down to the water with those two little fellows (dehis hat into the water, and he got it cently approached by this woman himself, and then that littlest fellow "Mrs." Carter, as they called her, but threw his clothes into the water, and he most got drowned and I help him Evadne Watters, who promised them ashore, and then they pitched him overten dollars if they would succeed in board. I started down Monday to go swimming with Carter, and the two (defendants) named Jimmie Anderson and "Billy" went with us. Don't know Billy's other name. We all four went tion about killing the little white boy. man with specious arguments endeav- When we went to the creek the other three went in swimming. I stood on the shore and threw his hat in. He said he didn't like such playing as that. He got his hat. Jimmie threw his clothes into the river. Willie went after his clothes, and when he came in I helped him. Jimmie then threw his clothes then he stood on the bank waiting for his clothes to dry, and while there Jimpush him in and heard him cry "please don't", and then I left. He was standing on the clay bank near a pine tree. It was right smart deep-over his stay and see him drown, and make the \$10 he would. I told Jim his mother had promised to pay \$10 to said if I didn't make it he would. I told Jimmie that she wanted me to do it, but I wouldn't, and he said he would make the \$10 if I wouldn't. Billy was it for anything in the world. Willie pushed him in. His clothes were out drying. Only Jimmie pushed him overboard. Willie was standing near a pine tree when Jimmie pushed him When he was gone after his clothes. I told Jimmie about the ten dollars. I saw Willie in the water when Jimmie don't", and that's all I heard. I went away. The other boys threw his clothes in and I helped him get ashore, I didn't go in swimming at that I see Willie like to get drowned.-I pulled off my clothes and went in to help him. The water was over

his head. When we were talking about the \$10 one of the boys spoke of killing cork-screw knife with a long blade. I didn't see him have the knife out while we were down there, but I saw him playing "mumble de peg" with it before that. He had his knife on the think it dropped out of his clothes when he was undressing. He didn't say how he was going to kill him. The bank is steep there, about as high as the tressle. The water right there was deep. There were stumps people I did tell would tell the Sheriff and snags there. There was a stump and a snag branched off from it. It was a right smart ways from the shore. When Willie was pushed off, I think he must have hit it. They pushed him right smart hard, and he went in slanting, and the stump was near enough for him to strike it. It was about a foot under water, but the snag was sticking out. Don't know whether the boy struck on the stump or not. I then meaned to drown the boy, I wouldn't stay and see him drown. Jimmie was uniform and bestrode a horse at the naked when he pushed the little boy knife, and I left them. encampment of the First Massachusetts overboard. Biliy had his pantaloons on. When I left them I went to the railroad shed and then went home.

saw a section man on the railroad track. at the creek trying to drown a little white boy, and he said he hadn't no time to attend to it and I must go tell somebody else. I told a little colored I then told the boy's mother. I told

The place where they went in swim-Some time ago the Pennsylvania ming was about half a mile from the

controlling interest in roads from the I don't know that he heard. She was excited and kept looking over his Hudson to Halifax, which, if obtained, in the back door and I came to within shoulder toward the butcher pen. will give the Pennsylvania Central a continuous route from the Pacific slope to the capital of Nova Scotia.

Inave known all sale of the door and 1 came to within a lot of little bridge all together until we got to depose and says: I was called on Tues-day about 12 o'clock by the Coroner to the capital of Nova Scotia.

I have known all sale of trimble and of the back door and 1 came on with me. We went from that they were there little bridge all together until we got to when the train came in, He was there when all say he was associating with a lot of little bridge all together until we got to when the train came in, He was there when the train came in, He was there are the other boy. [Here the when the train came in the back door and 1 came on with me. We went from that two and didn't no-little bridge all together until we got to when the train came in, He was there when the train came in the back door and 1 came on with me. We went from that two and didn't no-little bridge all together until we got to when the train came in, He was there when the train came in the back door and 1 came on with me. We went from that two and didn't no-little bridge all together until we got to when the train came in the back door and 1 came on with me. We went from that two or three steps of the door and told loys and in play. They were there little bridge all together until we got to when the train came in the back door and 1 came on with me. We went from that two or three steps of the door and told loys and in play. They were there little bridge all together until we got to when the same of the came of

went to the door and said Mrs. Carter. Willie is drowned and Jimmie done it. She just told me to go on. She never gave me the \$10 and I never got it. out the vard and she went into the house. She didn't tell me to tell to the shoulder, with about two inches any one else or not to tell any one.

I don't know exactly how old I am. I have known Mrs. Carter a year or two I think. I was in the habit of going there frequently. She told me last summer, that she wanted me to kill the boy. She say her and her husband were always fighting about him and she wanted to get him out the way. I told her that I wouldn't do it and the money wouldn't do her nor me no good. At our talk about two weeks ago she said the same way soldiers killed each other I could do. She said if I couldn't do it, that she would get somebody that would. She said she could pray off that sin the same way she had prayed off others. This was about three weeks ago. It was about 1 o'clock that I saw Willie. I know it was 1 o'clock for I heard the clock strike. It took us did not make a careful examination about half an hour to go to the water. My own opinion is that he was drowned The boys were with Willie when I first, though he might have been beaten came along. Willie proposed to go and drowned simultaneously. The de swimming. The hat was thrown over- fendants, Jimmie and Billy, are alto board and he went after it. His clothes gether too small to have committed this were thrown overboad and he went af- murder. I think it was done by some ter them. When Jimmie pushed him larger person than these two little feloverboad, I went away. I got back about 3 o'clock, I think it was about that time. The train had not been

long gone and it comes in at half past

Billy's father says he is 10 years Jimmie pushed him in and When I left I told him then exhibited.) I am larger than these little boys, but I let them drown him. I told them not to do it, and they said it was none of my busines. I was afraid Willie's life. I was afraid they would cut me. They didn't push him in when I helped him. I didn't help, and when they pushed him in, I thought he was getting out. After they pushed him in they came running after me, and I run into the bushes so they wouldn't find me. I saw them push him in but can't say whether they drowned him or not. I walked along fast. Don't know how far they were behind me. I was a right smart ways from them when I saw them coming up behind me. I got to the Wilmington depot after the 2.30 train. I saw the boys before I got to the depot. I came away as soon as they save him. I told them not to do it and just left. I saw a section hand. He was a short, dark skinned man. I told my ma, and then told Mrs. Carter about three o'clock. She told me "go on away from here." Mr. Terry brought me to the Court House. When I see him, I walked and never tended to him. When

He asked me why I wasn't at Court. I saw Charlie Stedman running after me, and I run. I told Mr. Adams I would come down. I told Mr. Adams the last I saw Willie it was with Jimmie and Billy. I went to his shop. I told him the last time I saw Willie was down on the bridge Monday with Jimmie and Billy. I didn't tell Mr. Adams I didn't know anything about Willie. I told Mr. Adams I had been at work all that day except when I went to dinner, I told Mr. Adams that I see Willie that | three times that day and he was afraid day at the bridge with Jim and Billie, to go home until his father came home. told Mr. Adams that I hadn't seen I offered to take him home, but he said Willie any time except at 1 o'clock that as soon as I left she would whip that day with the two boys, and that I him. Said he would go to the depo never see him again. I fied to him be- until morning. I told him he could cause I was coming down to the Court- stay at my place, but he left and house to tell the straight of it. Part | didn't see him again. of it was a lie for I thought he was going to take me up that day. Nobody but me. Jimmie has talked to me

he called me. I went to him. I fell in

about it. He asked me "what maked me wouldn't come," and I told him. I asked him if Jimmie was come and he said no. He told me I must tell the straight of it and I told him. Mrs. Carter asked me to drown him the story to ma and Mrs. Carter about when Willie went off. I asked his Billie. I told them when we got out at two o'clock. I don't know how want to do it, and if they wanted to with Mr. Carter, my husband, who

didn't catch him by the leg and hold locked the door and thought he would let for my deg. He hadn't got home him under water. Jimmie pushed him | call me when he came home. He ase I just told Jimmie about the \$10 to find him. I never offered anybody so he could tell somebody else. money to drown Willie, I loved him i told Elijah about this when she first and his father. I would sooner have cut told me about the \$10. Elijah is my my own throat. The first I heard of it, brother, he is nearly grown. I told Olive Wright came along and told me Mrs. Carter that Willie was drowned. a little colored boy was drowned, and Don't know whether Mr. Carter heard | while we were talking a boy came along me or not. He was in the hall and she and said, "Mrs. Cartes, that boy drownat the door. I told her that Jimmie ed is a white boy, and he looks like pushed him over. I didn't ask for the Willie." I then cried and screamed un-\$10, because "I did'nt was want it." I til I was almost sick. The boy Martin came in right behind the train, at 2:30, never came to me and told me of Wilthey came on behind me. When I left lie's death-never. ground there, but it wasn't open. I the place I saw them push the boy over- STATEMENT OF WM. HENRY MERRICK

board, I ran away instantly and don't know whether he was drowned or not, but he was right tired. I didn't see him drowned, and as far as I know he might have got out. I thought what and I never had time that day. I told Mrs. Carter. I was at Mr. Hines' store about 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning .sobody was with me. I never went to Mr. Hines with Willie Carter to buy a watermelon. I never asked Jim and Billy to drown this boy. I never told them I would give them part of the M. money. They told me I had nothing to

do with it, and to go about my business. Then they pushed him into the river, and I went away. They said this is no business, of yours, you let us alone and

After the boys had pushed Willie in running on behind. I got out the way and they went on by me. I saw one of them, Jimmie, where he stopped at his house. I never saw Jimmie again until this morning. G. W. W. Davis being duly sworn

says: I am one of the Coroner's jury and one of the witnesses, Olive Wright. a piece of beef and some liver when he came back between 5 and 6 P. M. The nied any knowledge of the story told by the witness, Martin, this morning.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

head in a contused condition, the of the humerus and head in the socket. Arm was missing. Was 40 or 50 hours between death and the time of exam-

nation. The body was mutilated by a smooth clean cut aud must have been nade with a knife. There was a small gash, a diagonal cut on the thigh. The whole head and face was severely bruised, evidently by a dull instrument-I did not cut into the skull as the evidence of foul play was so evident. Made no examination to see if deceased was drowned. The body had the appearance of being choked and the head bruised. The left arm was removed. The bone was broken and an irregular fracture. I should judge the boy to have been about 13 or 14 years of age.

I wouldn't like to say whether th

S. D. Terry, sworn—I arrested the boy David. He attempted to escape from me. I saw him at the county two. Don't know how old defendants bridge beyond the railroad bridge, saw a boy sitting on the bridge an he came toward me, David was with another boy. I arrested the other. if he was going to asked him what the boy's name was and drown Willie I wouldn't see it. (Boys he said he didn't know. I tied the boy with a cart whip and told him if didn't tell me the truth I would kill him. The boy cried, "I wasn't one of these murderers-he went in there." they would cut me if I helped to save followed him into the canebrake and found David lying in the ditch to hide

The boy on the bridge said, "I am no one of those murderers," and said David had run into the canebrake. David know who had done the deed. He said ten cents to throw Willies clothes out ened faces. nto the stream so that he would swim | Susan Freeman, David. I told him to shut up, I didn't want to hear any of it.

CHARLES H. STRODE sworn-I know a ditch, but it was between him and me.

I have heard Carter says he has been whipped three or four different times. Geo, L. Shutte sworn-Have heard Willie Carter complain of Mrs. Carter

CROSS-EXAMINATION. This was several weeks ago. There were no bruises on his person that I in the habit of running away often and staying out late at night. STATEMENT OF MES, CARTER,

I will tell all I know. I never whipped and that I said no. I told him the Willie but once or twice in my life. He same story I have told to-day. I told | spit in my face. His father was home this. The stump was about six feet when he would be back, and he said from the shore. Willie Carter was about 2 o'clock. Mr. Carter was in the about the size of that little yellow hall and Willie was sitting on the steps there about the \$10, because I didn't went off or who with. I walked of make the money they could. They Willie's father. We went home, and at told me if I didn't make it they would, dark I said I wondered where Willie I never pushed the boy in. I never was. I kept the door unlocked for him done nothin after he was pushed in. I until eleven o'clock at night. Then I to go off sometimes and I would go out

> Carter being drowned. I knew him when he was alive. I saw him the day Willie. I didn't go there.

> STATEMENT OF JIMMIE ANDERSON. I don't know anything about Willie Carter's death. I didn't go to the Creek with the boys. I don't know anything about this.

Here the Court adjourned until 4 P. AFTERNOON SESSION.

cian. I am acquainted with Mrs. have treated Mrs. Carter for about crying quite hard. five months, and never saw anything

but what was kind.

years. The relations between them, watermelon rind. as far as I know, were good. Never relling. She seemed to be as kind to Willie with the rind. Willie as though he was her own to take him away and she objected and

I have known Mrs. Carter for three day he was associating with a lot of

tongue hanging out of the mouth, terri. and they are always known as husband ing. He was talking to himself and bly lacerated. I found the arm off close and wife; she is not the mother of the he said to himself, that some of those Jacob Ponce sworn-I am acquaint-

ed with Mr. and Mrs. Carter, and was only one block off. know little Willie: I know very little about their relations, except that on the dead body of Willie Carter on one occasion while they were out of Tuesday. I was coming down from but at night he wanted his ma; the boy always looked in good order and looked like he was well taken care of; never heard any complaints from the boy; they have always passed as man contrary; his brother and sister have

Alice Taylor sworn-I know Mrs. Carter; I have been to her house right smart times; I used to stay with her; boy was drowned or murdered first. I as far as I know stall always treated him right and did a mother's part by him; never heard of any disturbance between Mr. Carter and his wife; she I got to the City Hall and reported the always treated Willie as a mother. Hannah Curtis, sworn—I, know Willie Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Car-

ter. I live right across the street from them. As far as I know she treated Willie as a mother ought to treat a child. She was very kind to him as far as I know. Judy Baty, sworn-I know James Anderson. On Monday at train time,

at 2:30, he was right there in the road playing on a banjo. I knew him very well. I have known him some time. and last Monday he was near his moth-Ler's house and when he quit he washed his face and went into the house.

I live on the opposite side of the street from Jimmie's mother's house I was passing out and in and I notice the children when they play. There were two or three others there, and they all had their faces smutted. I saw him all the afternoon. I am certain he didn't go away all the aftersaid Mrs. Carter offered him \$10 to noon. I don't know the little boys, but drown the boy, and said that it was no sin, as she could pray it off in a week or a fortnight's time. Said he didn't that same place nearly four years. Don't go amongst the neighbors much. he left Carter about 12 o'clock on Mon- and don't let the children. They had to keep him from carrying him to Mr. ter is in a delicate way, and I told her Adams. He said Mrs. Carter gave him | not to look at the boys with the black. | my brother, I know him.

nothing concerning the death of the boy all the afternoon of Monday playing were asking him questions, and he Carter, I knew him when alive. I have with the boys in the street. They said that he heard that \$10 had been heard the boy say that Mrs. Carter had were mustering there. Geo. Statchel often whipped him and driven him from was the only one I knew except Jimunless she did something she didn't I didn't know any others. Jimmie was want him to see. I cannot say how there Tuesday mustering as well as many times I have heard him use that language to me and others, but at least doing on Sunday. I heard of Willie's Contar appearant to be prisoners being all present, the Court convened. Mrs. three or four times. Know nothing of death on Tuesday evening, and my own knowledge of her ill-treatment. I know Jimmie was in the street mustering on Monday and Tuesday.

> was accused of killing him. Margaret Durand, sworn-I saw Wm. Henry Merrick between 1 and 2 o'clock on Monday. He was with his mother. They came to my house nearer 2 than 1 o'clock. They only staved a minute. Charlotte Hooper, sworn-Wm.

> Henry Merrick was with me Monday. We went to Margaret's between 1 and 2 o'clock, and then came down town. He was with me all the afternoon. Richard Hooper, sworn-I saw Charlotte Hooper down town with Billy Merrick last Monday. I know it was Monday for I had been to the mill, and I saw my wife (Charlotte) with Billy and we walked together. She is Billy's mother.

Dora Davis sworn-I know Charlotte Hooper. I saw her on Monday evening at 5 o'clock, and nobody was with her but Billy Merrick. I know it was 5 o'clock, for I heard the clock strike. I was down town. I live on Seventh street, and am certain it was on Monday. It was the evening the

G. W. Wiggs sworn-I have seen the defendant Elijah. I saw him between 1 and 2 on Monday. I took him to the butcher's pen and bought a harswhen the 5 o'clock train came in. Don't know what time he got home, Havnt seen him since until now, He was to go and get them twice a week.

but he hasnt been since. I used to get my harslets there, on the time the meat was killed, but he

back by 5 o'clock. Mrs. Anna M. Wiggs sworn-The boy Elijah was sent to the batcher pen for a harslet in a sack. He got back just after my husband left. He lives near us, but I never saw him since then until Wednesday. He asked for before he was drowned. I didn't go a piece of bread and I gave him a piece down to the river to go swimming with of bread and a biscuit, and he went off. Didn't notice him excited or anything wrong. I know his brother, but didn't Sunday, but have not seen him since

Coroner's jury now investigating this after a small piece of furniture she had found the body. The woman Judy on our lot. testified that she saw the boy David and William Carter together, and Willie was crying, last Monday, Judy Dotz recalled-I saw Willie Carter on Monday. He was standing I was afraid to interfere, for one had a Carter. I knew Willie Carter. Have on the bridge with David and Willie

> Geo. H. Andrews sworn-I am ac- ditch in the street. quainted with Mrs. Carter, and know | G. W. Davis recalled-Old Judy Judy Doty recalled-It was another

> mitted that it was for going with bad between 1 and 2 o'clock, and came

CROSS-EXAMINATION. I know Jimmie Anderson. On Mon-

she was his wife; she lives with him er pen. Willie passed my house cry- lost on Monday. He was barefooted. boy; Mr. Carter's father and sister boys hit him and he would pay them. have visited them often at their resi- The boys stayed by the bridge, passing after Willie went by. Don't know whether David was there or not. It

the city, Willie was with us and when the Work House and sat down to get night came on, Willie cried for his ma; he said he could get along day times, started for the city to give informaupon a timber and the bodylay beside. but entirely out of the water. The man I saw had two dogs with him, and wife; never heard anything to the and one of his dogs got run over. I had just got over the trestle when the train came along. I met the man and the \$10 again until after Willie was a handkerchief, and his hands too. Sl asked him where he was going and he killed. I live over in Brooklyn. said he was going to the trestle to tie that boy. I asked him what boy and he said the one on the trestle, I It was two Sundays ago I quit working at the depot, and it was before I quit. didn't see any one until I got to Union Depot. I didn't open my mouth until

STATEMENT OF ELIJAH MARTIN.

I didn't know. Davy goes to Mrs. Carter's all the time. All day Monday, after the rain let up, meand father came Carter told me not to come around there, and I went away. We couldn't keep Davy way from there. I stayed the butcher-pen and cooked my sup-per and ate it, all by myself. My stepather was there reading the bible, Mrs. Carter never offered me \$10 or a drowned that poor little innocent felhave heard little boys say that Mrs. Carter said Willie was in the way and everything she did he told his father. The boys never said that she did agree to pay them \$10 to drown the boy, but they said she would pay \$10. I day, in swimming. He told him this their faces blackened, and my daugh- don't know anything about these two little fellows. The other boy David is Wm. Rush sworn-The boy Elijah Willie again. after them and drowned. I made no mother of the boy Jimmie. He was me that he had heard the boys say that threat- or held out any inducements to mustering in the street with the rest \$10 had been offered to murder the

him. We were on the ferry boat crossoffered to murder Willie Carter. The Court adjourned until 10 A. M.

been called on in two different cases to prescribe for Willie. I saw no treatment but what I should expect from a ment but mother. She nursed him carefully, I quarrelling a word, but Willie was about the matter and we had butchered one of my dogs off, but didn't kill I went to se if I could find nucle Cupid quently there is not time allowed for three or four cattle before I thought of him. Cross Examined-This bridge is a it again. Elijah came to me then and little bridge on Eignth street, over the aaked me if I was nt going to give him the barslet, and I told him I had forgotten him. It was then towards 5 o'clock Willie, I know Mr. Carter. I have stated before the jury yesterday that and I ordered one of my men to give lived near Mr. Carter for the past three Willie said David struck him with a him a harslet. I do not know whether him one, and I did so. It was late he was staying on the ground all that time or not. He had a difficulty with heard of Mr. and Mrs. Carter quar- little boy-a lame boy-who struck one of my boys while out there. My out three beeves for me to kill, and I house when she tied him. I was in the boy "Mack" says that during the time Olive Wright sworn-I saw Elijah Elijah was waiting for the barslet he asked for the barslet. Den't recollect the whip marks. I saw her throw a child. At one time Mr. Carter wanted pass my house with a bag, when he choked him (Mack). My pen is within came back. I asked him where he 200 yards of the creek. I have never came, and the time he asked for the head. He was setting down, but ran said she would be lonely. They went to Charleston once and left Willie with sent him to the butcher-pen after a seen the boys go in bathing in the creek. The bank is, in one place bold and the passenger train went out. me and he cried for her and grieved to harslet for his dogs. I saw Willie water deep. It would be a good place miss her so much at night. Willie was | Carter between 1 and 2 o'clock. | He | to go in bathing; but I never saw any a pretty wild boy, running around. was coming along the street, going to- boys in bathing there. A great many He came to my store once crying and ward the butcher-pen. I saw Elijah white and colored boys come out to the said his mother slapped him. He ad- going over toward the butcher-pen pen. I do not know Willie Carter.-My man says that Willie had been in boys and quarreling. I asked her back between 4 and 5. My daughter the habit of coming out to the pen. He once why she didn't whip him and asked for a piece of meat and he told make him behave, and she said she was too feeble and his father should He had nothing with him but the many coming out there. I have never called the Transcortinental and its brained by the whole length of the line being 1,900 miles. Now, it is said, losing knives. Mack said the boy Elijah had choked him Monday.

Alvord Van Amringe, sworn-I saw tion. The body was entirely out of Davy said, you remember the \$10. Eli-

case to Mayor Canaday.

Davy and me that day. We started down after watermelons. Jimmie and My name is Elijah Martin, 1 don't Billy were not there. This thing was tnow anything about the death of Wiltalked out so loud that all the boys could Carter, I see Willie Carter coming hear it. David Martin said, "rememout of his gate early in the morning. I ber about the \$10." The other boys was going to carry my brother up the didn't believe it no more than I did. country. In the morning Willieasked Elijah said he didn't believe it, and Da me where was Davy, and I told him Willie said he was seared to stay there, home. But Davy never came in. Mrs. for fear Dayy and Elijah would kill him, and he went oil with me. home with my step-father from the time I got home after I had been to penny in her live. I wouldn't have low for a hundred ten dollar bills, I days ago. She choked him to make him

of the boys on Monday when the train boy. I was not in conversation with

SECOND DAY.

At 10 o'clock, the prisoners being less night. The boys all seemed cheer-

John W. Hines sworn-1 knew Wil- kitchen part of the house, lie Carter. I saw him last Monday about 10 o'clock. He had some money and he said he would go to Hutaff's, A of the pleasantest character. Mrs. Carsaid. Mrs. Carter you look quite young | Willie with fat meat and corn bread. to have so large a son. She said, he is

first wife was married about six years know how long. Elijah and I had a ago, after she was divorced from mc.— little scuffle. He choked me. I thought Have known my present wife for three he was in carnest and I told him if he years. She was always kind to Willie. or saw any marks of violence on my son. didn't want to be separated. She has sick. His ma said he could'nt go. asked me to correct him, and I have refused, because I loved him so, On Monday last, Willie was home when I came home, and it was between one and two o'clock. It must have been 2 o'clock the time. He was'nt down where I before he left. He went away while I

was in the house.

before 5 o'clock. It would depend up- I never had any difficulty with my wife about the boy. Willie seldom stayed Carter a long time. Know Mrs. Carought to have got that harslet and got out late to my knowledge. She was ter. She never offered me any \$10. very uneasy Monday night because he didn't come home, and left the door unthe train at 5.20 o'clock on the morning of Tuesday. If I had thought there had beca any trouble with the boy I would not have gone out on the train. Willie about it, when I went down to truss I would have been eleven years old next

· C. P. Bolles, sworn—I remember that Charlotte Hooper and her son William two o'clock Monday. My family all saw the boy Billy with his mother, but J. A. White sworn—I am one of the didn't notice him. He was there to see

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Mrs. Edwards sworn-I don't know

and walked to Smith's Creek on the

railroad track. After arriving at the

make a post mortum examination of Willie Carter and found the body lying in a coffin at Union shed. Found the watermelons, and David said "you re- on the floor and stamped him on the member the \$10." Elijah said "what stomach. He had two cents and said he as he was afraid they would kill him. stomach and he cried. She has whipped the water on the trestle. One foot was jah said, what about the \$10? Davy and whip him with a switch because he said, the \$10 Mrs, Carter promised to went up to the railroad. She whipped pay for killing Willie. Elijah said he didn't believe nothing about that. Wilabout a quarter of an hour. lie and I went to the depot together tied his mouth and tied his hands behind him. She tied his mouth with then. I never heard the boys talk about left marks on him, on his shoulders. saw her hit him with a piece of wood, and he showed me the bump on his head. She hit him with a piece of indian wood. The marks from the switches were black and blue. Some of them boy named Duke, were with Elijah and

broke the skin a little and it bled a little. She said her and her husband were always quarreling about the boy, and she said if I would'nt kill him she would find comebody who would. She always treated me well. She told Jim mie the same thing. He came up one Sunday and asked her if Willie could go in swimming with him, and said yes, and that if he would drown him she would give him \$19. When some trouble aid she would whip him and he went went home. ed to Union depot, where they got off

I have seen these boys since that even ing, but never heard them say anything on the bridge, and he asked me if I more about the \$10. I have seen Willie wanted to go swimming, and I told him and David together since then and they appeared to be friendly. I have seen Mrs. Carter slap Willie's face and tie a | would meet us on the track out near the cloth about his neck to make him cut butcher pen. Willie was crying bewood. I saw her do it about two Satureut wood. She was in the kitchen part of the house. She and Willie and I were the only ones there. She put the handkerchief about his neck and held it by the back of his neck. Willie said, 'Ma, please don't choke me," She said "I'll kill you if you don't mind what I tell you." Never saw her choke him track we all went down to the creek, again. Don't recollect that I ever saw | The others went in swimming. Willie

This happened about two weeks ago

Jim Porter and a boy Hedrick, and :

y said if he didn't believe it he coulp

sk some boy, I forget the name, who

CROSS-EXAMINATION. the house. No one was there but Willie and me. I went there for a watermelon, and when I was there she asked ma, don't." This happened in the

husband. He said Mrs. Carter would ter gave Willie money to buy candy on seat his brother Dave at the table with

Mack Johnson, sworn. I work at rether. She is my lawful wife. My the pen. He was there but I don't

> was at work, and did'nt notice him all was helping slaughter the beef. did'nt see him ask for the beef; when he choked me I had just come, I did'nt see him any more. He just choked me and it made me mad. I don't know what for. When I got mad he laughed. Have known Willie Have often seen Davy with Willie, Never saw them have any fuss. Did'nt see Willie at the slaughter pen on Mon-

Marion Hollis sworn-I found the

body of Willie Carter. All I know found his body. It was about half an hour before the passenger train came bit down by the truss and I went there know this one much. Saw David on Henry were on our lot between one and and found the body in the water. I was on the way to Mr. Kings to get a couple of posts. I didn't know anything about it. I went on up to the house and told them all about it. I ease. Marion Hollis is the man who purchased of us. That is why he came then went back to the trestle, to fasten the body. I met Mr. VanAmerage and went back with him to fasten it, but it was so slippery I couldn't get down to JOHN F. JARRELL sworn-I saw de- fasten it. When I saw the body, one fendant, Elijah, at my cattle lot last of its arms was off. The body was in Monday evening. A man by the name the water. I had grape vines with me of Wiggs came to the lot to get a hars- to tie the body, but couldn't get down

Ary Bryant sworn-I was at Jarrell's butcher pen. Elijah was there down the road. Afterwards he saw me when I came. I was at work on my and told me to come to him and I came, nately sometimes proves to be erronesecond beef when Elijah asked for the He then brought me to the Sheriff. harslet, and Jarrell told me to give when I got there. About 4 o'clock, five or six whippings. The first one was When I got there Mr. Jarrell pointed was on the second one when Elijah room when she whipped bim, and I saw seeing him after I first saw him when I stick of wood at him. It hit him on the CROSS-EXAMINATION I can dress a beef when I am in a piece of wood he had cut; hit him five

hurry in 15 minutes. I was not in any or six licks. It was cut to stove length. particular hurry that day. I live about | She struck him on the head with that a quarter of a mile from the pen. It stick, but it didn't bloody him any. was about 4 o'clock when I came and I Dick is the boy who hit him with a saw Elijah there then. He was there melon rind. After that I went out to the whole time I was butchering until the creek, and Willie went on to the he got the harslet. One of the hands boy's house to see if he could find him, lost a knife about a week and a half No one was with us then. We met at ago, but I never lost one. There are the track and went out to the creek. lots of white and colored boys out Jimmie and Billy went with us. I met mings, &c., which we give them for little bridge all together until we got to offers of marriage, and the Connecticut

NO. 32. searching cross-examination we have heard in a long time, by the learned ar-David Jackson, sworn—I know the boys in the box. One named Jimmie, boys in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box. One named Jimmie, boys in the box is the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box in the box in the box in the box is the box in the box is the box in the bo one named David Martin, and Billy and enough cut. She said if he didn't cut out of the water he took them to dry Elijah Hicks. One day about two weeks some he couldn't have no dinner. She on the bank by the tree. I helped Wilago we were all down over the railroad. choked him with her hand and he lie wring the clothes. I thought that Elijah said he was going to get some couldn't speak. She threw him down boys were going to Hilton. anything about the death of Willie Car. about the \$10?" David said "the \$10 could buy an apple and that would do Mrs. Carter promised to give them to for his dinner. When we were walking body, but found it was at the depot. ter. I called on Mrs. Carter to see, the kill Willie," And Willie and I left along we met Bill Lane and they got to Mrs. Carter appeared in trouble, and them. Willie said he was scared to stay throwing rinds and Bill hit him in the had been crying hard. Lalways though she was good to the boy. I went West him. I saw her strip him stark naked nesday morning to see the corpse, but didn't see it, for it wasn't there. said but little to me. Coroner Hewlett She never told me anything about what

she thought of the cause of the death, She was on the bed, and bad her bead tied up. Said she feit very badly about Didn't say anything about the boy having been murdered. She hadn't After the adjournment of Court, Justice Cassidey concluded to visit the scene of the murder, as described in the testimony of David Martin, in company with him, hoping by this means to elicit further information looking to the solution of the painful mystery surrounding the murder. At 3 o'clock Justice Cassidey, Solicitor Cautwell, Coroner Hewlett, and the Coroner's jury composed of the following, viz : J. A. White, foreman, Geo. W. W. Davis, Chas. Strode, S. Sallings, shout the wood happened one time, she Urish Sullivan, S. M. Browning, Thos. Skipper, Geo. H. Schutte, O. M. Fillto Schutte's. He stayed there until 9 yaw, E. W. Riddick, C. M. Harris. o'clock, and I went up there and told and W. H. James, accompanied by the boy, took the street ears and proceed-

spot, Martin made the following STARTLING DISCLOSURE. We then started off and Willie said he He says : Between the hours of and 2 o'clock on Monday last I and Jimmie Anderson, and William Hoopcause a boy hit him with a watermelon er, and Willie Carter, the deceased rind. He asked us to go with him and started for Smith's Creek to go in see the boy he wanted to go with us. swimming, and when about half way but we didn't want to walk about there. between the Union depot and the and we went to the track, the short way. creek, we sat down on the railroad and we met Willie on the track. He track. While setting on the track was all alone when we met. We didn't Jimmie Anderson took out of his pocket say anything about the ten dollars goa two bladed cork screw knife which had the point of one blade broke off, stopped and sharpened the knife on the iron rail, remarking that he and Jimmie went in swimming. Billy always wanted his knife sharp so that and I stayed on shore. I was seared to he could cut anybody that aroused his I had a talk with Mr. Schutte and go into the creek. I was afraid of alli- angry passions. After sharpening the Champ Artis about this matter since. gators. Willie could swim as far as knife the boys got up and proceeded They said they thought these were across the street. I could swim further to the creek and when near the the ones who did it. I said I didn't than Willie. They were close to the thicket, one of them cut a club about Mary Carter, sworn-I saw Jimmie ing over the river, and some persons know anything about it only what I shore, on the bottom, when I threw his 15 inches long and one and a-half heard. This choking was last Satur- hat in, and Willie went out and had to inches in diameter, which he carried day, about a week ago. It was between swim a little to get it. I was playing along. Arriving at the place where 6 and 7 o'clock in the kitchen part of with him and he told me to stop, for he they intended to go in swimming, they didn't like such a playing as that. Jim- found it unsuitable to the purpose, so mie threw his clothes into the water, they went farther up the creek, He had a jacket and pantaloons and through a blind path and through an me to get her a bucket of water, and I shirt with him. His shoes were at home. undergrowth which the jurous and did it. I went home. She told Willie I helped him out. He went in for his party found considerably difficult to Carter appeared to be much care-worn and pale, as if she had passed a sleep- there Willie was in the shop door, Mrs. to help him. I only had on a shirt and a better opportunity of committing the Carter was in the kitchen part of the pants, and I threw off my pants. The deed without the fear of discovery When I first heard that Willie Carter ful, and apparently unconscious of the and when I got back she told him to in the edge of the water, and Willie got place, Willie Carter and one of the house. She told me to get the water, next time, Billy threw the clothes down while in the act. At the designated heinous crime of which they are cut wood, and he never moved. She them himself, and spread them out to boys stripped off and plunged into the took a cloth or a handkerchief and put dry on the bank: Where Willie was water. Jimmie threw Willie's hat in it about her neck, and he said "please standing on the bank by his clothes it the water which he (Willie) swam was some ways from where we went in after and secured; they next threw his R. L. Sellars, sworn.—I arrested the go in any more, and he said he wouldn't and in attempting to get to shore was boy Elijah 9 or 10 miles from here, do it. While he was down getting his jumped on and repeatedly shoved in his hand, and asked me if I had any Other parties had a conversation with clothes we other boys had no conversation under until he was nearly drowned, five cent watermelons. I told him no, him and I listened to it. He was talk- tion about the \$10. I told Jimmie that and when he reached the shore was and he said he would go to Hutaff's. A ing to one of the engineers. He said Mrs. Carter had offered me \$10 to drown pulled on the bank by him (David). David and Anderson's boy had been Willie, and he said he had heard her Willie spread his clothes in the sun, him where he was going. They went offered \$10 to destroy Willie Carter say that hisself. Willie was standing and while waiting for them to dry, off together. Am acquainted with Mr. by Mrs. Carter because he was always by the tree on the bank, near his clothes, Jimmy Anderson, with knife in hand, and Mrs. Carter. Their relations were making trouble between her and her when they pushed him in. He was made an assault upon Willie, and standing on the bank close to the river, attempted to cut him. Willie resisted, facing the water, and the boys came up and finally threw the boys off, remarkone occasion in my store. My mother her and give him coffee, &c., and feed behind him. I was off a little ways, ling as he did so that he did nt like sitting down. I couldn't see the water such fun. In a few minutes thereafter close to the bank for I was sitting down. one of them struck him with a club in Mr. Jarrel's, have been there a week. I was about twenty feet from the river, in the forehead, which stunned him, Rob't Carter sworn-Defendant is my I know Elijah. I saw him last Mon- and where Willie was. Jimmie and and he staggered towards the bank of wife. We have lived very happily to- day at the slaughter pen. He came to Billy neversaid nothing, only just laugh- the creek, and Jimmie and Willie ed. Willie cried, "please don't," and shoved him in the water. They then that's all I heard. I started back, and I tied the legs of his pants, which they dodged into the bushes. I didn't want | filled with rocks, and threw over his them to go back with me, because I neck. The boys then sat on the bank did it again I'd hit him with a rock. didn't do it. Jimmie said at the creek of the creek (with the exception of I heard she had been unkind once, and He was there some time. I saw him that if I wouldn't make that ten dollars David who lay on the hill out of sight) I went right down to the store to see ask for the lights. I did'nt see Elijah he would. After the boys pushed and watched the boy lifteen minutes, about it and found it was not so. I nev- go to the creek. I saw Willie that Willie over, I started for the shed, until the last bubbles were seen to morning sitting on his mother's steps and met a section hand. I told him rise. The body was then pulled up to When I went to send him to his grand- and asked him if he wanted to go to that some boys were drowning a boy at the bank, and his left leg wrapped ather, she and the boy cried, for they the slaughter pen. He said no, he was the creek, and he said to go and fell around a sappling. While in this somebody else, then I told a boy and he position they cut off a small portion of said he would go and see about it. I the body, which one of them wrapped then told - and then I told my up and placed in his pocket, remark mother until time to go to bed. I went ling that he promised to carry that to out to little bridge and come back after Mrs. Carter to show her they had toting wood and got back about 7 or s killed Willie, and for which she was to o'clock and sat down. I went to sleep pay them \$10, then they shoved the body out into the water, one of them and then went up to the shed. At 5 wading out several yards with it. David said he knew nothing of the loss of the arm, and from the description of this wound it was probably bit ten off by an alligator. This boy in get bricks for a chimney that night and I was to come to his house Tuesday scene with painful distinctness, and morning. So I went there, I then renders it certain that he was a witness went home and got my breakfast about of the terrible scene, if not a partici-8 or 9 o'clock and toted wood and water pant, or, indeed, the only actor. His awhile and then I went to sleep, ast confession places the whole mat-About 5 o'clock I went up to the shed ter in a different light, and renders a and about 6 o'clock a boy named Dave correct solution of the terrible toystery highly probable. If the little water. I went out there and saw the lads, Jimmy and Billy, prove beyond body and it was Willie Carter. I then doubt that they were not present, and went home and staved there all night, in the case of one of them, at least, it On Wednesday I saw Mrs. Carter and is almost complete, it will place David, she told me Mr. Adams was looking for by his own confession, in an awkward me, and he was going to make me touch trouble not to tell on her and if she got into any trouble she wouldn't tell

The Robbery at Bladenboro'. We have received communications eph Hester, the party whose store was robbed at Bladenboro' recently, complaining of our published account of the affair. Mr. Hester feels himself tell on her she tell me I had better go aggrieved at the statements there made, and we must confess with considerable show of justice. But our friends must Mr. Terry near Hilton, and I went on it is necessary frequently to act upon imperfect information which unfortu-

ous. And in the second place, we beg them to remember our willingness CROSS-EXAMINATION always to make due corrections. To I have seen Mrs. Carter give Willie the correction then, in the most important particular, Mr. Hester is not a two or three weeks ago. I was in the colored man and most certainly not a Radical, We would state, however, that the word Radical was simply used in the first article in connection with the name-having in mind the notorions John G. Hester-being a play upon the word and not necessarily an assertion that the Hester now in questhe shop. She whipped him with a tion was a Radical. This, we are pleased in being assured is not the case, the gentleman having been a loa-commissioned officer in the galtant 18th Regiment, and he and all his family were ever staunch Demo-

about 3 o'clock that Willie was drowned

and she just told me to "go on." On

Tuesday night she heard it from some-

over into Brunswick county. I wouldn't

go. I slept at home Wednesday night

and in the morning I walked about and

We now learn that the negro robber has escaped from custody and is at

Since Miss Maggie Elphinch, the there when we are butchering. White boys often came there for bladders, struck Willie with the rind, and they pulled young Sims out of the bay at etc., and colored boys came for trim- came on with me. We went from that Greenwich, she has received a dozen Nixon street, and then Willie went girls are now asking, "Mother, may I